STATE OF ARIZONA PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Arizona's Emergency Medical Services (EMS) and Trauma System is comprised of more than 21,500 Emergency Medical Care Technicians, 1,000 emergency nurses, 1,800 emergency medicine physicians, and 15,000 law enforcement officers; and

WHEREAS, the 2022 EMS Week national theme is "RISING TO THE CHALLENGE" to honor the EMS workforce that is faced with numerous challenges and has continued to rise above and respond to the needs of the community; and

WHEREAS, Arizona's EMS and Trauma System providers continue to rise to the challenge by responding to an estimated one million calls annually from Arizona citizens and visitors involving acute and chronic emergencies 24 hours a day, seven days a week, and 365 days a year during all types of conditions; and

WHEREAS, Arizona's EMS and Trauma System providers continue to rise to the challenge by adapting the assessment, treatment and management of patients during the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, Arizona's first responders continued to rise to the challenge by administering approximately 12,943 doses of naloxone to 7,365 suspected opioid overdose victims in 2021; and

WHEREAS, Arizona's EMS providers continued to rise to the challenge by responding to approximately 67,238 emergency calls in 2021 involving children, with 80 percent being medical emergencies and 20 percent being injury emergencies; and

WHEREAS, the Arizona EMS for Children Program within the Bureau of EMS and Trauma System helps the Arizona EMS and Trauma System prepare for pediatric emergencies by supporting the training of emergency personnel, ensuring ambulances are equipped with pediatric-specific equipment, working alongside partners to recognize emergency departments as pediatric-ready, and implementing evidence-based strategies to improve pediatric care.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Douglas A. Ducey, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby proclaim May 15 - 21, 2022 as

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES WEEK

and May 18, 2022 as

EMS FOR CHILDREN DAY

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Arizona

GOVERNOR

DONE at the Capitol in Phoenix on this second day of May in the year Two Thousand and Twenty-Two and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Forty-Sixth.

ATTEST:

SECRETARY OF STATE